#### **School Improvement Grant**

# Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus (MEGS+)



# User Guide to Submitting a SIG BUDGET

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#### **Submitting a SIG Application**

#### **MEGS+ Requirements**



#### **MEGS+ System Requirements**

Internet Access

Web Browser

- Internet Explorer 8 (preferred)
- Firefox 2.0+
- Safari 3.0+

Adobe Acrobat Reader 4.0+

### To login to the MEG+ system go to <a href="https://mdoe.state.mi.us/megsplus">https://mdoe.state.mi.us/megsplus</a>

Use the **Login** and **Password** obtained from the MEIS registration process to login.



You CANNOT log in to MEGS+ until your MEIS Account is established and activated. Your Authorized Official must then give you access to the application within MEGS+. If you receive an error message that you have a valid MEIS account but are not authorized in MEGS+, contact your Authorized Official.

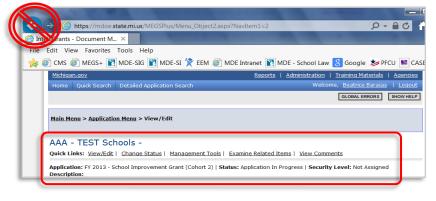


<u>TIP</u>: Avoid the **Back** and **Forward** buttons in order to always see the latest information.

- It is highly recommended that users use the navigation provided within the application.
- By using the browser's **Back** button, the user is not getting the latest information from the website, but

rather an "older" saved version of the screen.

- The browser's Back button will simply load the cached (or saved) version of the screen that exists on the local hard drive as it was the last time the screen was accessed.
- The Quick Links are recommended to navigate within MEGS+ .





<u>TIP</u>: When saving information, <u>always</u> wait for the icon indicating that the information has been saved before proceeding to the next task. A screen typically take several minutes to Save.





## Budget Year 1 Status Requirements

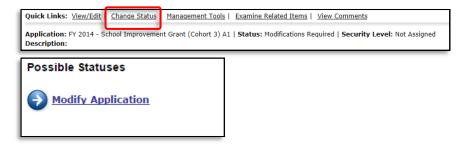
- To edit existing budget information for any year go to <a href="Page 6">Page 6</a>—Editing an Existing Budget.
- To initiate a biannual amendment to an existing budget go to <a href="Page 7">Page 7</a>—Biannual Amendment: Status Requirements.
- To initiate a budget for years 2-5 go to <a href="Page 8">Page 8</a>—Budget Years 2-5: Status Requirements.

#### **Initiating Budget Year 1**

Open the SIG application and determine the current status of the application. The application status can be found in the **Application** information just below the **Quick Links** menu. To enter budget information the application must be in **Modification in Progress** status.



- ⇒ If the application status is **Modifications in Progress** go to Page 5— Budget Year 1: Grant Selection, otherwise continue on this page.
- ⇒ If the application status is **Modification Required**, click the **Change Status** link, select **Modify Application** and then go to Page 5—Budget Year 1: Grant Selection, otherwise continue on this page.



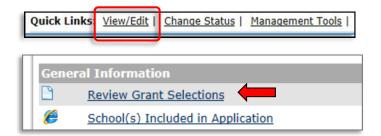
⇒ If the application is <u>not</u> in **Modification Required** or **Modifications in Progress** contact the School Improvement Support Unit for assistance. Contact information is located on the last page of this user guide.



## Budget Year 1 Grant Selection

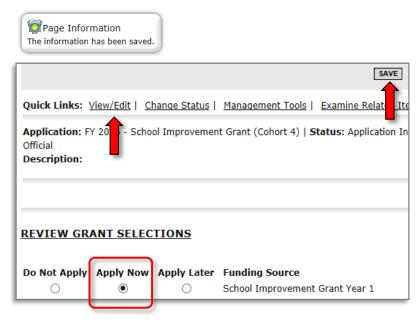
From the **View/Edit** screen, click **Review Grant Selections** to open the Grant Selection page.

The **Grant Selection** page is where you will indicate the grant fund year the district is currently submitting for a budget.



At the Review Grant Selection page, select the Apply Now radial button for the year 1 and click SAVE.

Verify the information has been saved before leaving this page, indicated by the icon at the lop of the screen. This may take several minutes.



Go to Page 10— School(s) Selection



Edit an Existing Budget Status Requirements

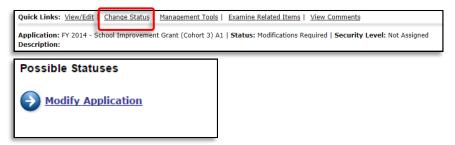
- To initiate budget for year 1 go to Page 4—Budget 1: Status Requirements.
- To initiate a biannual amendment to an existing budget go to <a href="Page 7">Page 7</a>—Biannual Amendment: Status Requirements.
- To initiate a budget for years 2-5 go to Page 8—Budget Years 2-5: Status Requirements.

#### **Editing an Existing Budget**

Open the SIG application and determine the current status of the application. The application status can be found in the **Application** information just below the **Quick Links** menu. To enter budget information the application must be in **Modification in Progress** status.



- ⇒ If the application status is **Modifications in Progress** go to Page 11—Budget Summary, otherwise continue on this page.
- ⇒ If the application status is **Modification Required**, click the **Change Status** link, select **Modify Application** and then go to Page 11—Budget Year 1: Grant Selection, otherwise continue on this page.



⇒ If the application is <u>not</u> in <u>Modification Required</u> or <u>Modifications in Progress</u> contact the School Improvement Support Unit for assistance. Contact information is located on the last page of this user guide.



Biannual Amendments
Status Requirements

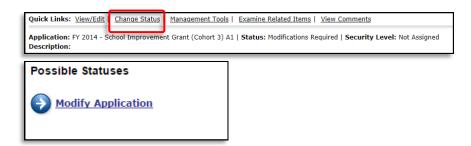
- To initiate a budget for year 1 go to Page 4—Budget 1: Status Requirements.
- To edit existing budget information for any year go to Page 6—Editing an Existing Budget.
- To initiate a budget for years 2-5 go to Page 8—Budget Years 2-5: Status Requirements.

#### **Initiating Biannual Amendments**

Open the SIG application and determine the current status of the application. The application status can be found in the **Application** information just below the **Quick Links** menu. To enter budget information the application must be in **Modification in Progress** status.



- ⇒ If the application status is **Modifications in Progress** go to Page 11—Budget Year 1: Grant Selection, otherwise continue on this page.
  - ⇒ If the application status is **Modification Required** click the **Change Status** link, and then select **Modify Application** and then go to Page 11—Budget Year 1: Grant Selection, otherwise continue on this page.



⇒ If the application is <u>not</u> in **Modification Required** or **Modifications in Progress** contact the School Improvement Support Unit for assistance. Contact information is located on the last page of this user guide.



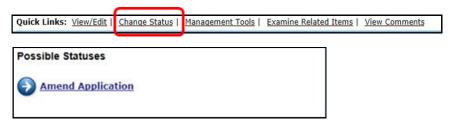
## Budget Years 2-5 Status Requirements

- To initiate budget for year 1 go to Page 4—Budget 1: Status Requirements.
- To edit existing budget information for any year go to Page 6—Editing an Existing Budget.
- To initiate a biannual amendment to an existing budget go to Page 7—Biannual Amendment: Status Requirements.

#### Initiating Budget Years 2—5

Open the SIG application and determine the current status of the application. To enter budget information the application must be in **Amendment In Progress** or **Modifications In Progress** status.

- ⇒ If the application status is **Amendment In Progress** or **Modifications In Progress** go to <u>Page 9</u>—**Budget Year 2-5: Grant Selection**, otherwise continue on this page.
- ⇒ If the application status is **Grant Funds Available**, click the **Change Status** link, and then select **Amend Application**.



From the **View/Edit** page click the **Amendment Justification** link. Enter a brief summary of the amendment, click **SAVE** and then go to <a href="Page 9">Page 9</a>—**Budget Year 2-5: Grant Selection**, otherwise continue on this page.

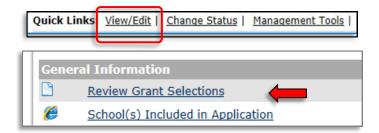


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Budget Years 2-5
Grant Selection

Click the View/Edit link, click Review Grant Selections to open the Grant Selection screen.

The **Grant Selection** screen is where you will indicate the grant fund year the district is currently submitting for a budget.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: When applying for a new budget year <u>do not</u> <u>change the previous budget years</u>. If you change any information on this screen for prior years, it will result in your budget being deleted and set back to \$0.00. This means you will need to resubmit you entire budget for that year.

At the **Review Grant Selection** screen, select the **Apply Now** radial button for the current grant year you are submitting. Click **Save**.

Verify the information has been saved before leaving this screen, indicated by this icon. This may take several minutes.





Each school building awarded the grant must be added to the application for the current year. Click **View/ Edit** to return to the **Forms** screen, and then click **School(s) Included in Application**.

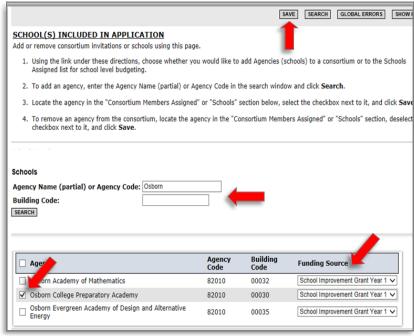


There are different methods to search for buildings.

1. For a specific building search, you can enter part of the school name in the **Agency Name** field or enter the building code in the **Building Code** field. Click **Search**. Check the box next to the school name. From the **Funding Source** column, select the appropriate **Grant Year** from the dropdown menu. Click **SAVE**. Repeat these steps for each school that need to be added to the application.

OR

2. To search for all buildings within your district click the **Search** button, this will bring up all school within the district. Check the box next to the desired school(s) to be added to the application. From the **Funding Source** column, select the appropriate **Grant Year** from the dropdown menu. Click **SAVE** 





Click **View/Edit** to return to the **Forms** screen. Located in the **Budget Pages** section of the **Forms** screen, click **School Improvement Grant Year** (current year). This opens a **Budget Summary** screen for the district and the selected school included in the application.

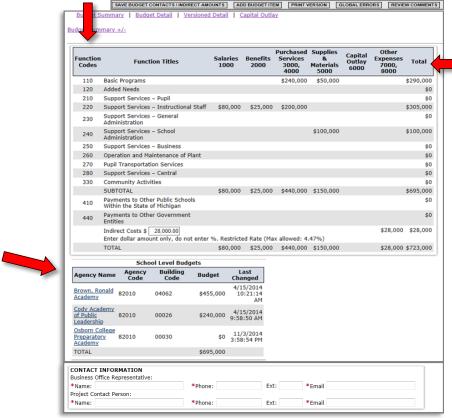


#### **Budget Screen Overview**

The budget summary screen displays with the function codes in the left column and the object codes and titles across the top.

The budget summary totals are automatically updated when items are added to the budget detail and building budgets.

The buildings included in the application appear at the bottom of the budget summary screen under **School Level Budgets**.





At the building-level budget screen, click the **Add Budget Item** button at the top of the screen.



Enter the building-level budget items:

- Select the appropriate **Function Code** from the dropdown menu.
- Provide a description for the budget item.
- Enter cost information for the budget item.
- If Salaries are entered, then the FTE or Hours must be included.
- Click the **Save Budget Item** button at the top of the screen.

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: Verify each budget item is SAVED prior to adding another item or going to another task.





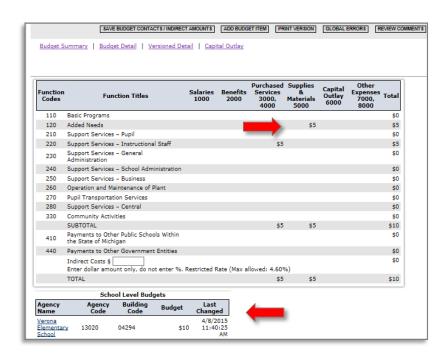


#### **Adding Additional Budget Items**

Click the **Add Budget Item** button at the top of the screen and follow the steps on this page for each budget item you are adding. Remember to save EACH item as you add them.

After you have completed entering all budget items for the school building, click the **Budget Summary** link to return to the main **Budget Page**.

- If you need to enter additional school budgets, select the school from the School Level Budget section located at the bottom of the screen.
- When applicable, after completing all school level budgets, enter the district-level budget by click the Budget Detail link.





#### **District-Level Budget**

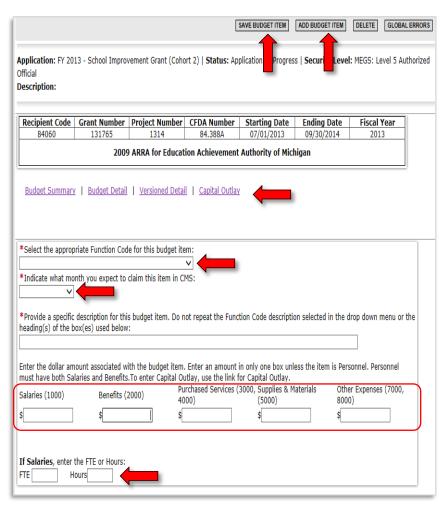
At the **Budget Detail** screen, click the **Add Budget Item** button at the top of the screen.

Enter the district-level budget items:

- Select the appropriate **Function Code** from the dropdown menu.
- Provide a description for the budget item.
- Enter cost information for the budget item.
- If Salaries are entered, then the FTE or Hours must be included.
- Click the **Save Budget Item** button at the top of the screen.

IMPORTANT: Verify each budget item is **Saved** prior to adding another item or going to another task.





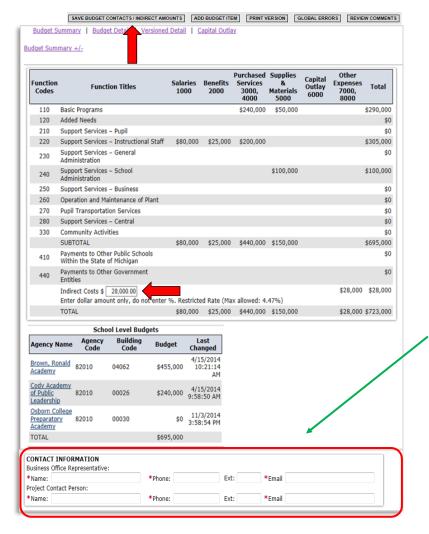
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After you have completed entering all budget items for the school building, click the **Budget Summary** link to return to the main **Budget Page**.



## Indirect Costs & Budget Contacts



#### **Indirect Cost**

In the lower section of the **Budget Summary** screen, enter an amount in the **Indirect Costs** field.

- The district's indirect rate is calculated by MEGS+.
- MEGS+ will now allow an indirect rate amount in excess of that calculated percentage.
- The indirect costs must be a dollar amount only.
- Do not enter percentages (%).

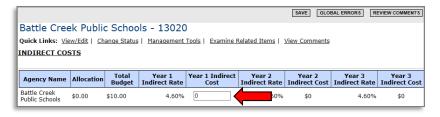
#### **Budget Contacts**

Located at the bottom of the screen, complete the **Contact Information** section.

Click the **Save Budget Contacts/Indirect Amounts** button at the top of the screen.

Click **View/Edit** to return to the **Forms** screen.





From the **Budget Pages** section of the **Forms** screen, click the **Indirect Costs** link.

At the **Indirect Costs** screen, the amount you entered in the **Budget Summary** should automatically appear, if not enter it manually. The amount should be the same indirect costs amount entered on the **Budget Summary** screen.

Click the Save button at the top of the screen.

Click View/Edit to return to the Forms screen.



Supporting Budget Documentation

#### **Supporting Documentation**

If your budget does not require supporting documentation, you can skip this page.

In the **Budget Information** section of the **Forms** screen, click the **Supporting Budget Documentation** link.



At the **Supporting Budget Documentation** screen follow the instructions listed to upload each building application.

In the **Title** field, enter the uploaded document(s) as **School Name-[Type of documentation]** 

Supporting budget documentation may include position descriptions, contracts (or proposals in the absence of signed contracts) or additional information as requested by MDE.

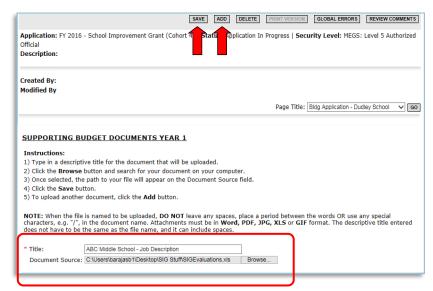
Naming convention example(s):
ABC Middle School—Contract
XYZ High School—Position description

Click **SAVE** at the top of the screen.

#### **Additional Uploads:**

If additional documents are to be uploaded, click the **ADD** button at the top of the screen and repeat the steps for uploading building applications.

 After the second upload, a Page Title field will appear on the screen indicating the documents which have been added.



Remember to use the same naming convention and to **Save** after each upload.

After you've completed uploading all of the necessary supporting documentation, click **View/Edit** to return to the main **Forms** screen.



#### **Global Errors**

After you have entered building-level budgets, a district-level budget, contact information, indirect costs, and supporting budget documentation, you will need to verify no errors are found. Click the Global Errors button at the top of the screen.

NOTE: The global errors button can be found on most screens throughout MEGS+.



On the **Global Errors** page, links are provided to the relevant application pages that have errors.

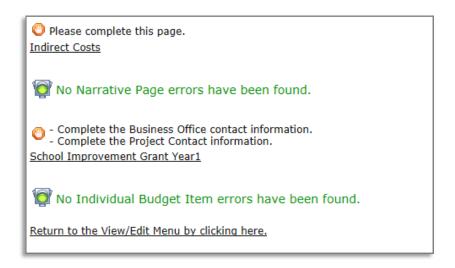
Click on the error link to open the page and edit the page as necessary.

Once you have made the necessary edits you will need to click the **Global Errors** button again to verify no errors are found.

After you have determined that all errors have been resolved, click **Change Status** from the **Quick Links** bar.



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#### **Budget Submission**

All status changes are made within this section. The **Possible Statuses** screen will vary on choices to make depending on the phase of your application.

Only an Authorized Official may submit an application.

When you are ready to submit the application, click **Submit Modifications**.

• If an application has errors, you will be returned to the Global Errors page.





#### **Errors**

- If you receive an error, you will see an octagon with the hand in it. This indicates to stop and correct errors within the application.
- Select the provided link and make the requested changes by following the directions listed on that page.
- Once changes have been made, attempt to submit the application again.



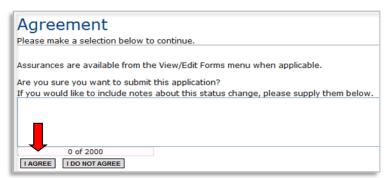


#### No Errors

• If the application had no errors or missing information, you will be directed to the **Agreement** screen.

The **Agreement** screen will present conditions to which you must agree upon when submitting the application:

- After reading the conditions, you may enter notes in the field provided.
- Click the I Agree button to continue.
- MEGS+ will notify the Level 5 users and the application designated main contact by email that the application has been received.



You will receive an email notification that your application has been submitted.





#### **Contact Us**

#### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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